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Ms. A. Lynn Nunns
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OR92-360

Dear Ms. Nunns:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 16083.

You state that in response to an open records request, the City of Corpus Christi ("the city") released an "Investigation/Complaint Form" concerning the violation of City Code 13-96(c). The city has withheld, however, the identity of the individual who filed the complaint with the city's Building Inspection Department. Because the complaint alleged violations of a city ordinance, you contend that the complainant's identity comes under the protection of the informer's privilege and so may be withheld pursuant to section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act.

A previous determination of this office resolves your request. In Open Records Letter OR92-13 (1992), this office held that the city could withhold pursuant to the informer's privilege the identity of those who report violations of the city building code. For the reasons expressed in that opinion, the city may withhold the identity of the complainant.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-360.

Yours very truly,



Kay H. Guarardo
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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(w/o enclosure)